

REMARKS

5 Reconsideration of the application is respectfully
requested. Claims 10-11, 13-16 were rejected under Section
112 for being indefinite. Claims 5, 10-11, 14, 16 and 18 have
been canceled to facilitate the prosecution of this
application. Claim 13 has been amended to depend upon the
allowable claim 12. Claim 15 has been amended to conform to
10 Section 112. All the claims should now be in full
conformance. No new matter has been added to the claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 17 and 20 were rejected
under Section 102b as being anticipated by Hammerly. This
rejection is respectfully traversed.

15 Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the
limitations of the allowable claim 5 (and any intervening
claims) and is therefore allowable.

20 Claims 2, 4 and 7 are allowable because they depend
upon the allowable amended claim 1 and because each claim
includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the
cited references.

Claims 10-11 have been canceled.

25 Claim 17 has been rewritten to include the
limitations of the allowable claim 18 (and any intervening
claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claim 20 is allowable because it depends upon the
allowable amended claim 17 and because the claim includes
limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited
references.

30 Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 17 and 19 were
rejected under Section 102b as being anticipated by Ravitts.
This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the
limitations of the allowable claim 5 (and any intervening

claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claims 3, 4, 6 and 7 are allowable because they depend upon the allowable amended claim 1 and because each claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

5 Claims 10-11 have been canceled.

Claim 17 has been rewritten to include the limitations of the allowable claim 18 (and any intervening claims) and is therefore allowable.

10 Claim 19 is allowable because it depends upon the allowable amended claim 17 and because the claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

15 Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 17 were rejected under Section 102b as being anticipated by Tanabe. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of the allowable claim 5 (and any intervening claims) and is therefore allowable.

20 Claims 2, 4, 7 and 8 are allowable because they depend upon the allowable amended claim 1 and because each claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

Claims 10-11 and 14 have been canceled.

25 Claim 17 has been rewritten to include the limitations of the allowable claim 18 (and any intervening claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claim 9 was rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over any one of Hammerly, Ravitts or Tanabe. This 30 rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 9 is allowable because it depends upon the allowable amended claim 1 and because the claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

35 Claims 9 and 13 were rejected under Section 103 as

being obvious over any one of Hammerly, Ravitts or Tanabe as applied alternatively to claim 1 above and further in view of Pease. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

5 Claims 9 and 13 are allowable because they depend upon the allowable amended claims 1 and 12, respectively, and because the claims include limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

10 Claim 16 was rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over any one of Hammerly, Ravitts or Tanabe as applied alternatively to claim 1 above and further in view of Haegeman. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 16 has been canceled to facilitate the prosecution of this application.

15 The application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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